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## APPOINTMENT HELD UP

## CONSUL DIEDRICH'S TRANSFER TO BREMEN POSTPONED.

## Bentheim's Charges Against Consul Floerschütz Groundless—Internal Revenue Bureau Rulings.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—The President has held up the appointment of Henry W. Diedrich to be consul at Bremen and has sent Mr. George Murphy, one of the most expert of the clerks in the consular bureau here, to take charge of the office in place of Louis Lange, the retiring consul. Mr. Diedrich is at present United States consul at Magdeburg, and was slated for transfer to Bremen. It is not known whether there is to be a change in the President's intentions as to Mr. Diedrich or whether, on the other hand, he is to be sent to Bremen to take charge of the office there, the latter being the view of the office thoroughly investigated, with a view to turning it over in good shape.

The State Department has examined the charges made against United States Vice Consul Floerschütz, at Coburg, Germany, of being a spy in the employ of the German government and has satisfied itself that there is no ground for the charges. The department immediately upon the publication of the statement of the man Bentheim, at Atlanta, to the effect that Floerschütz had used his office to cloak extensive spying operations directed against the United States, forwarded a copy of the publication to the United States consul at Coburg, with the instruction to make an inquiry into the matter. His reply, which has been received at the State Department, states that he has made a thorough investigation and finds them to be untrue. So the department dropped the matter.

The postmaster general to-day issued an order extending the postage rates of the United States to Porto Rico. Under the order United States postage stamps shall be valid for postage in either direction, in addition to those now used in Porto Rico.

Adjutant General Corbin has gone to Newport to be present at the wedding of Miss Julia Grant.

To-day's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$26,664,261; gold reserve, \$25,625,636.

Brigadier General Ludlow, military governor of Havana, has submitted a report to the War Department covering the work of the past year, with recommendations for some changes in the present system. He suggests an apportionment of the surplus customs revenues among the several departments. An increase of local revenues is urged, and to accomplish this General Ludlow proposes an increase of the duty on real estate of from 8 to 12 per cent. A general revision of the tax system is required, the present system being described as "entirely corrupt in the opinion of the general." General Ludlow also points out that the civil government of Havana is "entirely unworkable," and that "many of the functions which should be left to the local administration, that there should be no police courts, and that the judicial care should be taken to respect the individuality and autonomy of each province.

Commissioner Wilson, of the Internal Revenue Bureau, has rendered a decision in which he holds that loan and mortgage brokers are not liable for special tax on the securities on which they make loans, when they engage in such sales as they are held to become brokers and are required to pay special tax accordingly.

The enlistment to date of soldiers for the volunteer regiments last called out is 9,231, of which 416 were secured yesterday. The Thirtieth Regiment, at Jefferson Barracks, leads with 1,377 men. The two regiments next in order are the Thirty-first, with 1,179 men, and the Fortieth, with 1,062 men. The headquarters of the Thirty-fifth is at Fort Snelling, Minn. The two colored regiments, the Forty-ninth and Fortieth, Infantry, have enrolled 341 and 188 men, respectively.

As a result of conferences between Acting Secretary Hill, of the State Department, and Dr. von Hatzfeldt, secretary of the German embassy in this city, the United States government has consented in a friendly way to look after the interests of the German empire in Venezuela during the progress of the pending revolution until a German warship can be dispatched to that country.

The State Department has not been in communication with United States Consul Macrum, at Pretoria, in fact, with any of its consular representatives in South Africa recently, so that, officially, it knows nothing of the late developments in that section. Some weeks ago, however, it gave instructions to the consular officers of the United States in South Africa to protect all American interests in that section, and to take steps to prevent any infringement upon the personal liberties of American citizens, and to take steps to prevent any infringement upon the personal liberties of American citizens, and to take steps to prevent any infringement upon the personal liberties of American citizens.

The Navy Department has concluded to make a change in the small arms used in the service and will adopt the army rifle, or what is known as the Krag-Jorgensen. This determination has been reached solely as the result of the findings of the board, which held that the importance of having uniform arm and ammunition for both the army and navy outweighed all other considerations. The navy uses but twenty thousand guns, while the army calls for at least a hundred thousand, and the latter could not make a change in the middle of war, the navy will be obliged to do so.

Secretary Root has issued an order calling attention to an order of Aug. 21, 1897, which prohibits persons from visiting the fortifications.

## WILDCAT CREEK FILTHY

## REFUSE FROM STRAWBOARD PLANTS POISONS THE WATER.

Nellie Berger, the Victim of William Jones, Is in a Serious Condition—Other State News.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

KOKOMO, Ind., Sept. 23.—A score or more farmers along Wildcat creek in town today consulting lawyers about bringing damage suits against somebody for polluting the river. The stream for two miles below town is blood red and further down it is inky black. Thousands of dead fish line the banks. The farmers are fencing their livestock and the water is so foul that it is not fit to drink. The foul water takes the hair off the legs of cattle wading in the stream. Three tomato canning factories, three paper and leather board factories and numerous other manufacturing concerns empty their waste in the river, and it is difficult to tell which is responsible for the filthy condition. Some time ago the farmers sued the strawboard company for polluting the water, but failed to make a case.

## Trouble Out of Church Excursions.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MUNCIE, Ind., Sept. 23.—Serious trouble has arisen from the Sunday school excursion a week ago, under the auspices of the Eighth-street Christian Church. This church conceived the novel idea of running these excursions regularly and conducting religious services on each coach of the train, one deacon being appointed to look after the song and prayer on each car. The text and hymn books were taken on the train, and it was well patronized. There was an arrangement between the church and the railroad company to have the train stop at the church to receive 25 per cent of the revenue. Mrs. Jennie Harter was appointed by the church to select tickets and look after the percentage due the church. Last evening she was arrested on the charge of having stolen 25 cents from the church. She was released on \$100 bail, and the church is now suing her for the amount. The church is now suing her for the amount. The church is now suing her for the amount.

## Bitter Fight Over John Slider's Will.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

KOKOMO, Ind., Sept. 23.—A noted will case is on trial here, that of Mrs. Cragan against the estate of John Slider. Two years ago Mrs. Cragan, who was the widow of John Slider, died, leaving a will which was contested by her son, John Slider. The case is now on trial, and the jury is expected to return a verdict in a few days.

## Banquet for Ex-County Clerks.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

SPENCER, Ind., Sept. 23.—All the clerks of the Owen Circuit Court since the adoption of the present Constitution of the State of Indiana, in 1850, are living, and last night they were entertained at a banquet at the Hotel Spencer. The banquet was given by the Owen Circuit Court, and was a most successful one.

## Conviction Under Insurance Law.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

SEYMOUR, Ind., Sept. 23.—This morning the Circuit Court at Seymour found C. A. Salmarsch, a local insurance agent, guilty of having issued a fraudulent insurance policy to Knox C. Wilson on his livery barn. The jury placed the punishment at five days' imprisonment in the county jail and a fine of \$100. Salmarsch was also ordered to pay the costs of the trial.

## Relics for Earlham's Museum.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

RICHMOND, Ind., Sept. 23.—The museum at Earlham College, which is one of the fine college museums of the country, has recently received some valuable additions. Rev. Stephen Stanton Myrick, an alumnus of Earlham College, has donated a collection of relics from the Civil War. The collection includes a fragment of a flag from a battlefield, a fragment of a sword, and a fragment of a bullet.

## Seventy-Ninth Session of Friends.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

RICHMOND, Ind., Sept. 23.—The seventy-ninth session of the Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends will begin here next Tuesday. Among the prominent workers who will attend are the following: John Henry Douglas, of Oregon; Levi Mills, of Wilmington, O.; Nathan and Esther Frame, of Jamaica, N. Y.; Charles H. Babcock, of New York; Howard Brown and wife, of Iowa; Susan Berry Sisson, of Ohio; and many others.

## Trouble for "Truant" Officers.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

KOKOMO, Ind., Sept. 23.—The "truant" officers created by the compulsory education law are finding life a burden at the opening of schools this fall and threaten to resign if relief does not come soon. The truant officers are finding it difficult to enforce the law, as many parents are unwilling to send their children to school.

## A "Crack Shot" at Muncie.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MUNCIE, Ind., Sept. 23.—Edward Martin, of the Magic City Gun Club, which gives a two days' tournament Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, yesterday made a new record for the club, breaking forty-eight out of fifty. His finish was thirty-two straight. He missed only the third and eighth birds. Goley Williamson previously held the record, having broken thirty-eight out of fifty.

## Football Players Warned.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

COVINGTON, Ind., Sept. 23.—The boys of the Covington High School Athletic Association, whose football team held the cham-

pianship of Western Indiana last year, took an advanced step at their last meeting. By a unanimous vote they passed a resolution that no player who had been in an athletic contest with a rival team should be permitted to play for them. This resolution was passed in order to prevent the kind of thing that happened at the school where a player who had been in an athletic contest with a rival team was permitted to play for them.

## Will Discourage Hazing.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Sept. 23.—The members of the sophomore class of Rose Polytechnic Institute decided not to retaliate on the freshmen for capturing Sophomore Burge Thursday night. At least nothing will be done unless the freshmen give further cause. The spirit of the meeting of the sophomore class was to discourage hazing, and the members of the class are determined to do so.

## Nellie Berger in a Bad Way.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

PERU, Ind., Sept. 23.—Prosecuting Attorney Sullivan took Dr. Spooner and went to the home of Miss Nellie Berger, near Gilead, to ascertain the nature and extent of the young woman's reported illness. The physician made an examination and found that she was in a critical condition as a result of a severe attack of cholera. He is now treating her with medicine, and it is hoped that she will be able to get up again.

## The Cain-Snook Romance.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

NEWPORT, Ind., Sept. 23.—Mr. Fred Cain, of this place, and Miss Ora E. Snook, of Terre Haute, were married here yesterday. Miss Snook arrived on the noon train from Terre Haute and was met at the depot by the bridegroom. They drove to Newport, a distance of about twenty miles, and were married at the home of Miss Julia and Sate Stout, and is also pastor of the U. B. Church at this place.

## Cromer Favors White River Scheme.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MUNCIE, Ind., Sept. 23.—The Indianapolis City Council has prepared an appeal which it has mailed to each senator and congressman in the United States. The appeal is for the improvement of the White River from Indianapolis to the mouth of the river at the mouth of the river. The appeal is for the improvement of the White River from Indianapolis to the mouth of the river.

## Linen Shower for Bride-Elect.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

CICERO, Ind., Sept. 23.—A few evenings ago Mrs. T. D. Edwards entertained at her home on Washington avenue a number of women friends of her daughter, Miss Anna Edwards, and announced the approaching marriage of Miss Edwards to a young man of Union City. Last evening the young woman gave a "linen shower" to the bride-elect at the home of Misses Julia and Sate Stout. The wedding will take place in this city during the last week in October.

## Judge Marsh May Try Morris.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MUNCIE, Ind., Sept. 23.—Judge Leffler has requested that he be relieved of the responsibility of hearing the trial in the prosecution of Clifford Morris charged with the murder of Elmer Hamilton, two weeks ago. His honor explains that he is a second cousin to the accused, their mothers being sisters. Judge Leffler has requested that the case be tried in Muncie, and that Judge Marsh of Winchester, W. Va., be appointed to hear the case.

## Squire Hastings Falls Dead.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

PORTVILLE, Ind., Sept. 23.—Oliver P. Hastings, aged sixty-six, a prominent citizen and member of the Odd Fellows lodge, died suddenly of heart trouble after a hearty dinner to-day. He walked two blocks to his law office and fell unconscious. Mr. Hastings had served as justice of the peace for a number of years. He leaves a wife and three children. The funeral will be held at the home of his wife, Mrs. Hastings, on Monday.

## City Editor Layton Married.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

SULLIVAN, Ind., Sept. 23.—George M. Layton, city editor of the Bedford Republican, and Miss Nellie Luzader, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Luzader, of this city, were married to-day at the Christian parsonage by Elder Wilson Yocum. They left tonight for a trip to Kansas City and the West.

## Brownstown to Have K. of P. Hall.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

PORTVILLE, Ind., Sept. 23.—The trustees of the K. of P. Lodge here have concluded a contract with Anson Wilson, of Cincinnati, for a three-story brick building, the first floor to be business rooms, the second floor a society hall, and the third floor for a castle hall.

## Snapp-Myers Wedding.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

COVINGTON, Ind., Sept. 23.—Miss Edith Gay Myers, second daughter of the late Eli Myers, and Mr. Robert Snapp, of Georgetown, Ill., were married yesterday. The Rev. W. C. Smith officiated, and the bride's friends and relatives were present. They will reside at Georgetown.

## Killed by Vandallia Limited.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Sept. 23.—Mrs. Mary Carroll, aged seventy-one, was killed by the New York limited on the Vandallia at 5 o'clock this afternoon. She was struck by the locomotive. She was a widow and had several grown children.

## Firebugs Find Dean's Barn.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

COLUMBUS, Ind., Sept. 23.—A fire near Burnsview, about eight miles southeast of this city, destroyed the large barn of David Dean, including three horse buggies, agricultural implements and feed. Loss, \$1,500; no insurance. incendiary origin.

## Found Dead by His Wife.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MUNCIE, Ind., Sept. 23.—This morning Joseph McAlister awoke and found her husband had died during the night. The cause is given as heart disease. The man was an iron worker who came here from Pittsburg.

## Isaac Hermann Suddenly Expires.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Sept. 23.—Isaac Hermann, aged seventy-five, a wealthy retired wholesale merchant and prominent in Jewish circles, died suddenly this evening.

## Indiana Notes.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Davidson, in Terre Haute, was scalded to death Friday night by falling into a bucket of boiling water which his mother had placed on the floor.

David Nelsinger, of Muncie, is suffering from a severe cold and will probably scratch on the left hand with a pair of scissors while playing with his sister, and let her know it.

Acting First Assistant Postmaster General George M. Allen sends word that, in view of the fact that the town of West Terre Haute has been changed to West Terre Haute, the name of the town across the Washburn river from Macksville to West Terre Haute.

Receiver G. R. Jones, of the Sterling Cash Grocery Company, of Muncie, will pay 50 cents on the dollar to the indebtedness. The store was closed a year ago and is now being operated under a new management in new quarters.

The semi-annual convention of the Wayne County C. C. T. U. was held at Centerville Friday. H. C. T. U. was held at Centerville Friday. H. C. T. U. was held at Centerville Friday. H. C. T. U. was held at Centerville Friday.

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## DE GALLIFET CRITICISED

## FOR ISSUING THE "INCIDENT CLOSED"

ORDER ON HIS OWN MOTION.

He Threatens to Pull the Whole Cabinet Down if He Resigns—The Kaiser Surprised.

PARIS, Sept. 23.—The proclamation of the minister of war, General De Gallifet, to the army, declaring the Dreyfus incident closed, has excited keen opposition among the Dreyfusards, Radicals and Socialists. It is rumored that an attempt will be made to oust the war minister from the cabinet. It is said he issued the proclamation without consulting his fellow-ministers. Some of the ministers are said to have been in close touch with several of the ministers and General De Gallifet is credited with saying: "They want to get rid of me. I am quite prepared to go, but I don't mean to go alone. Either all of them disappear with me or I stay where I am."

## THE ESPIONAGE SYSTEM.

Emperor William Surprised at Its Extent and Elaborateness.

[Copyrighted, 1899, by the Associated Press.] BERLIN, Sept. 23.—The Dreyfus excitement has largely subsided since the pardon, though many papers express the belief that the mystery surrounding the case will be one day removed. Others say the end is wholly unsatisfactory. In military and diplomatic circles the idea seems to prevail that Dreyfus was indeed a spy, but for Russia. This has found utterance in many papers.

An interesting outcome of the case is the fact that the Emperor, who has been deeply stirred by the revolution made at Rennes of the espionage system between France and Germany, of the extent and elaborateness of which he has hitherto been ignorant, has instructed General Von Hahnke, chief of his private military cabinet, to thoroughly investigate how and to what extent the system can be abolished or reduced to a minimum.

The correspondent of the Associated Press learns reliably that his Majesty, above all, was startled by the fact that the military attaches of both countries, while personally men of the nicest sense of honor, had been so deeply involved in the scandal and he inquired of Von Hahnke to ascertain if it were possible for Germany to take the initiative in abolishing extrajudiciality for attaches and other members of the embassies, thus establishing the most honest and dangerous form of espionage. The correspondent understands that General Von Hahnke has reported that it is impossible for one state, especially a military one, to do this alone. He gave many potent reasons for this view.

The government this week exerted strong pressure to induce German industry and commerce to abandon all movement at the Paris exposition. Chief Commissioner Richter sent a note to all leaders of the movement, giving strong reasons why it would be unwise for Germany and injurious to her interests not to appear as strongly as possible in Paris in 1900. This and other facts have had effect and it may be said that the anti-espionage movement in Germany is entirely a military movement. It is that the note dwelt on the fact that the exposition is not a political, but a commercial and economic enterprise and that the mistake of 1889, which seriously injured German commercial prestige, must not be repeated.

## EMPLOYING THE ATMOSPHERE.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

THE USE of Electricity in the Air One of the Possibilities of the Future.

Electricity. According to Prof. Alexander G. Maclede, of the United States Weather Bureau, it should not be very long before the electricity of the atmosphere can be utilized for operating machinery. The professor says: "We are near to a realization of Franklin's plan for harnessing the electricity of the air. The twentieth century is likely to develop a practical method of utilizing this atmospheric energy for mechanical and industrial purposes. That the atmosphere is charged with electrical energy was demonstrated years ago by Benjamin Franklin, and still more recently it has been proven by the kite experiments of Eddy, Maclede and others that sparks may be obtained from a perfectly clear sky."

The French have apparently been aware of this fact for some time, for in many agricultural districts in that country there have been erected what are known as geomagnetifères for collecting atmospheric electricity with a view to its utilization through the soil as a fertilizer. Experiments have proved that electricity obtained in this way has a beneficial effect on the growth of plants. This collector consists of a high pole surmounted by a cross-shaped apparatus of metal insulated from the shaft by a porcelain knob or any other dielectric. A conductor is connected with the cross and leads the current wherever desired.

The so-called geomagnetifères are very crude contrivances. The mechanism employed in the Weather Bureau for determining the pressure and amount of electricity in the atmosphere is, in its latter case, a gauge provided with an aluminum needle attached to the wire conductor of a box kite registers at the surface of the ground the amount of electricity present in the atmosphere where the kite soars, and an ingenious whole of mechanical contrivances marks upon a sheet of paper the notes thus taken.

The great difficulty experienced up to the present time in utilizing the electricity of the atmosphere for any practical purpose is apparently due to a lack of knowledge as to how to handle the enormous voltages met with. Referring to this subject the Washington correspondent of the Detroit Free Press recently wrote:

"From further investigations of the Weather Bureau it is learned that the voltage of the electricity contained in the atmosphere goes up with the level. For the sake of brevity, experts prefer to say that the 'electric potential' is higher, but something more was known about the nature of the electricity in the atmosphere. It is possible to state the facts in plain terms, and it is not a subject to be treated with involved to a great extent in plain terms."

Prof. Maclede has just grounds for thinking that the twentieth century will see the utilization of atmospheric electricity for industrial purposes may be inferred from the fact that the electric current drawn from the sky has already been made to run a small piece of mechanism with pasteboard wheels, which insignificant work may possibly be found the preliminary step toward the solution of the problem of the future application of atmospheric electricity for power purposes.

## A MODERN VIDOCA.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

But He Has Not Yet Found Labor's Assistant. The Vidocq of to-day is delighted at having got through his evidence in the Dreyfus case. He has unobserved himself as far as such matters are concerned. He has been self to your correspondent. As a great detective and as should, Mr. Cochebert looks as open as a book. He is a man of a rolling and merry, he loves a good liquor and a big cigar and is quite partial to a pretty face.

He says, "It is hopeless, your attempting to interview me, my friend. When I have told you the year of my birth (inaccurately, of course), you will get no more out of me. I never talk about myself. I was never a detective except by instinct, but the instincts were not enough. I have never done actual spying. My functions are those of the ambulant magistrate."

Then you never disguise yourself? Mr. Cochebert laughed until his glasses shivered. His little eyes disappeared altogether. "Disguise? How would you do it? I am too big, too fat, too well known. Be the American, be the English, be the French, be the threads of every crime in France in this." And the chief de la surete held in his hand a card which read: "But I don't do any tracking. I have agents everywhere who keep me posted. There are three of them very near you, my friend. Can you find them out?"

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